

EPHIRAM C. BALDWIN.

MAY 19, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GIBSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3668.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3668) granting an increase of pension to Ephiram C. Baldwin, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$15 to \$35 per month the pension of Ephiram C. Baldwin, of Soldiers' Home, Boise, Idaho.

The Senate report states the facts and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3668) granting an increase of pension to Ephiram C. Baldwin, have examined the same and submit the following report:

The records show that this claimant enlisted September 16, 1861, and served faithfully until December 31, 1866, when he was discharged, a member of Company D, First California Volunteer Cavalry.

He now draws a pension of \$15 per month under the general pension laws, on account of rheumatism. He claims increase of pension on account of paralysis, but this disability has not been accepted by the Pension Bureau as the result of rheumatism or the result of his army service. His physical ailments are described by Dr. N. J. Brown, examining surgeon, Hailey, Idaho, as follows:

"Was paralyzed from waist down in 1883, and in 1891 was paralyzed entire left side, and can not move or walk without great difficulty."

Dr. T. W. Stone, of Hailey, Idaho, examined the claimant August 30, 1896, by direction of the Commissioner of Pensions, and reports as follows:

"Left side paralyzed and atrophied. Left eye blind since he was paralyzed; also deaf in left ear. First stroke of paralysis in April, 1883; second in 1891. Suffers continually with pain from rheumatism.

"Mouth is drawn to right side so badly he can hardly drink or eat, often nearly choking while eating; left hand and foot numb all the time. This man is a total wreck physically. I have seen him fall on the street in the mud and could not get up; had to wait for someone to pick him up."

Drs. H. G. Burton and H. E. Hasse made affidavit on the 25th of January last in regard to the claimant's condition as follows:

"Affiants state from personal and professional knowledge that the above-named soldier is wholly disabled on account of partial paralysis of left arm and left leg, complete paralysis of left side of face, total loss of vision of right eye and perception of light in left eye. He is virtually totally blind."

There is also evidence on file showing conclusively that the claimant is wholly without means and income of any kind for the support of himself and wife, excepting the pension of \$15 per month above referred to.

In view of the long and faithful service of this soldier and his present deplorable physical and financial condition, your committee believes that this is a case which is entitled to favorable consideration, and therefore recommend that the bill pass, with the following amendment:

In line 7 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty-five."

The bill is therefore reported back, with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In line 7, after the word "Cavalry," insert "and pay him a pension."



REPORT.

(The accompanying A. 308.)

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 308) for the relief of Ephiram C. Baldwin, have the honor to report to the House the following:

This bill proposes to increase from \$15 to \$35 per month the pension of Ephiram C. Baldwin of Salt Lake County, Idaho. The facts are as follows:

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